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Application No. 10/712,376; Filed: November 14, 2003
For: **Methods and Apparatus For Conformably Sealing Prostheses Within
Body Lumens**
Inventors: Fogarty *et al.*
Our Ref: P510 DIV2 (1737.1480002/TUM)

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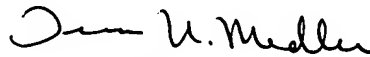
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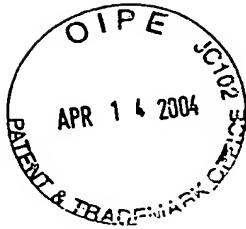
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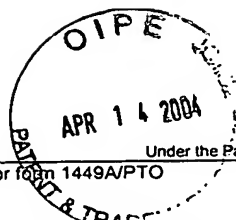
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